



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5890

January Session, 2005

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITIONS OF "VETERAN" AND
"SERVICE IN TIME OF WAR".**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) As used in the general statutes, except chapter 504, and except as
5 otherwise provided: (1) "Armed forces" means the United States Army,
6 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force; (2) "veteran" means
7 any person honorably discharged from, or released under honorable
8 conditions from active service in, the armed forces, and includes any
9 such person who served in the Connecticut National Guard on or after
10 September 11, 2001; and (3) "service in time of war" means service of
11 ninety or more days except, if the war, campaign or other operation
12 lasted less than ninety days, "service in time of war" means service for
13 the entire duration of the war, campaign or other operation, unless
14 separated from service earlier because of a service-connected disability
15 rated by the Veterans' Administration, during a "period of war", as
16 defined in 38 USC 101, as amended, except that the "Vietnam Era"
17 means the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on July
18 1, 1975, in all cases; and "period of war" shall include service while
19 engaged in combat or a combat support role in the Berlin Airlift, June

20 26, 1948, to September 30, 1949; the Berlin Crisis, August 14, 1961, to
21 May 30, 1963; Lebanon, July 1, 1958, to November 1, 1958, or
22 September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984; Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
23 December 15, 1983; Operation Earnest Will, involving the escort of
24 Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the United States flag in the Persian Gulf,
25 February 1, 1987, to July 23, 1987; and Panama, December 20, 1989, to
26 January 31, 1990, and shall include service during such periods with
27 the armed forces of any government associated with the United States.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	27-103(a)
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